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MATTER OF FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

at Is No Nearer a Settlement Now Than It Was Last Week-Vete on the Robinson Bill a Surprise-Senate to Act on One of the Most Important of the Railway Bills This Week-New Scheme to Pay Ac-

Lansing, Mich., May 4.-The matter of final adjournment is no nearer a settlement now than it was last week. The house finally passed a resolution calling for a cessation of business, other than the engrossing of bills, etc., on Saturday, May 29, and for final adjournment at noon on the 31st inst. The senate, however, sent this resolution to the table, some of the senators being of the opinion that it was yet too early to set a date with any degree of accuracy or definiteness, while others do not believe that there will be time between the 29th and 31st for the engrossing clerks to dispose of the great number of bills that are always passed during the last hours of the session. It is probable that the two houses will get together on this question during the present week.

The vote last Thursday on the Robinson bill reducing the passenger rate on upper peninsula railroads from 4 tc 3 cents per mile, was somewhat of a surprise to both the friends and opponents of the measure, neither believing that it would receive the number of votes that were recorded in its favor. It received 14 votes, while 15 were cast against it and three senators were not present when the roll was called. An attempt to bury the bill beyond resurrection by moving to table a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill failed to pass, was not carried, and another attempt will be made to pass the bill.

Speculation Indulged In.

Much speculation is now being indulged in as to whether this vote is an index of the probable action of the senate on other railroad and corporation bills now pending. If it is, this class of bills will come much nearer passing than has been expected by any one previous to the vote on the Robinson bill. It is evident that the railroad people are much more nervous just at present than at any time since the s

This week the senate wil take action on one of the most important of the pending railroad bills. This is the Merriam bill providing for an increase of 1 per cent, in the specific tax paid by railroad companies, which has been made the special order for tomorrow. There has been a feeling for some time that this bill might pass, thereby increasing the revenue of the state from this source by some \$300,000 annually. The passage of this bill might have the effect of defeating other so-called antirailroad bills, the argument being that this would be all the increased burden that should be heaped upon the companies at this time. Taking this view of the matter it would not be surprising if the companies turned in and advo-cated the passage of the Merriam bill in the hope of ending the matter there.

Two anti-express bills have been reported out favorably by the house committee on private corporations, but have not yet been acted upon by the house. One of these prohibits companies from making any extra charge for delivering packages anywhere within the limits of a city or village; and the other prohibits charging a greater rate for carrying packages which have to go over two lines than is charged for carrying a like package the same distance over a single line.

The farmers of the house scored point the other day when the Graham game bill was under consideration. They succeeded in having it amended so as to prohibit the hunting of quall with dogs. It was conceded that the tendency of this provision would be to decrease the number of hunters and thus reduce the amount of trespassing on farm lands which has been the trial of the farmers for years.

New Scheme to Pay Accounts.

A new scheme for paying accounts contracted by state institutions has been advanced by State Treasurer Steel. It cropped out in the report of the committee on the Soldiers' home a few daysago and may be made to apply to all other state institutions. Under the system which has been in vogue for years the resident of each board of control of a state institution has been the treasurer of the board. These treasurers draw from the state treasury such sums as they see fit, place the money in a local bank and check against it as the occasion requires. It is now proposed to do away with this plan so far as the Soldiers' home is concerned at least, the report referred to recommending that hereafter the board of control audit the accounts as usual, but, after they are audited, send them to the auditor general for payment by the state treasurer on the former's warrant. This plan will keep the money in the state treasury or its designated depositories, assuring to the state much more interest than is now received on daily balances, nothing being realized on the large sums of money which are lying around in banks selected by the treasurers of the several boards. It is not improbable that the change will be made to apply to all state institutions.

Case of a Monroe Man

Much interest centers in the forthcoming decision of the supreme court in the case of a Monroe man who was convict-ed of a violation of the pure food law. His defense was, and the fact was con-ceded by the prosecution, that he sup-posed that the goods were pure when he purchased them and that he sold them in good faith. The trial judge was not disposed to find him guilty under these circumstances, but did so under protest In order that a case might be got before the supreme court. If the court holds that guilty knowledge is a necessary element of guilt under this law, even the friends of the law admit that it cannot be enforced as every person accused of violating it would plead good faith and there would be no way of proving to the

It is generally conceded that Governor Pingress disposed of the Professor Bemis bugaboo, which has been bothering a number of good people sorely for a num-ber of months, most happily when he appointed ex-Mayor Joseph L. Cox, of Battle Creek, commissioner of labor.

Cox is one of the most popular men in strated when the senate confirmed the nomination by a unanimous vote the moment it was received, while all other nominations were sent to a committee.

Bill to Curtail State Reports. Two years ago Representative Perry of Manistee, was a member of the Lin-derman committee which framed a bill designed to materially curtail the number and variety of state reports and documents issued. The committee put a great amount of work into the inves-tigation which preceded the preparation of the bill, but it sought to accomplish too much and the measure was killed. This year Mr. Perry is at the head of a similar committee which has prepared a bill on this subject. The bill he has drawn is in the main meritorious, but he has embodied in it one provision which should be eliminated. This seeks to limit the number of pages which certain reports shall contain. For instance, provided that the report of the state board of health shall not exceed 300 pages. In the very nature of things this committee can have no adequate idea of what subjects should be treated of in a report of this kind or of how extensively they should be handled. The reports of the Michigan state board of health on the causation of sickness and other subjects are authority throughout the world, and will be just as valuable fifty years hence as they are now. The subject which the board proposes to treat in its next report relates to consumption and its causation and treat-

Statistics Gathered for Years. Statistics and other material for this report have been gathered for a long series of years in order that the deductions and results announced may be accurate and of value in the treatment of this disease, which causes far more deaths in Michigan annually than any other. If the Perry bill passes all this work will be rendered absolutely value-less and the board will be compelled to put out a report which will be worse than useless and a disgrace to the state. The folly of a committee of laymen saying what and how much or how little persons engaged to make special investigation shall publish in their reperts is apparent. Not being informed on the subject it is impossible for them to intelligently deal with this branch of the subject, so whatever they might provide would be clearly arbitrary.

Another noticeable provision of the bill is one requiring that the proceedngs of the numerous farmers' institutes held throughout the state shall be printed in sufficient quantities so that ach member of each local institute shall have a copy. This would require the printing of a great many thousand copies, and while it would be clearly class legislation, farmers alone profiting by it, there can be no question as to its value. The inconsistency of the committee, however, is shown by its refusal to provide for the publication of but 2,000 copies of the proceedings of state sanitary conventions, which have to do with the fives and health of the people, and are of vital concern to all the

people of the state. If it is desired to do the greatest good to the greatest number of citizens of Michigan this bill will be radically

amended before it becomes a law.

Scale Appropriation Bills, It is doubtful if the senate committee on appropriations and finance will hear any objections to its announcement that it will be able to so scale the appropria-tion bills as to reduce the state tax levy for the years 1897 and 1898 at least \$509,-000 from that of the two years last past. The levy for the past two years was \$5,-082,458.14, and the committee proposes to keep that for the ensuing biennial period down to \$4,500,000, and there in a chance of its going slightly below that figure. All appropriation bills have been carefully scrutinized and every dollar that could possibly be pruned from them was eliminated. Every institution has

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hands of this committee, but those which will be cut the most are the upper peninsula hospital at Newberry, the Home for the Feeble Minded at Lapeer, and the state fish commission. The two institutions named are asking for very large appropriations for new buildings, and these will be badly slashed. The fish commission is asking for a much larger sum than in former years, but the members can congratulate themselves if they get as much as two years ago, to

say nothing of any advance. The passage finally of the resolution appropriating \$7,500 for a Michigan exhibit at the Tennessee centennial exposition was a great surprise. The house has several times voted adversely on the measure, and even on the morning of its passage had refused, by a decisive vote, to take it from the table. The commissioners appointed by Governor Rich can be depended upon to get the best possible results for the state, but there are many who doubt the expediency of making such an exhibit.

Determined Warfare. It has developed within the past few days that a determined warfare is to be made on express and telephone compan-ies. One bill pending in the senate provides for the increase of the specific tax paid by express companies to 2 per cent. of the gross business in the state, and another increases it to 4 per cent. There is little doubt that the present revenue of the state from this source will be greatly increased. Senator Warner recently introduced a resolution instructing the attorney general to proceed against express companies to collect taxes, which it is claimed they have been avoiding for some years. claim grows out of the fact that the companies have been paying on the gross collections within Michigan, instead of on their gross business in the state, all interstate business being excluded. The present rate is 1 per cent., and theamount paid has been about \$3,-000 per year. According to Senator Warner's resolution the revenue from this source should have been between \$15,000 and \$20,000, and it is this difference that he wants the attorney general to proceed to collect. His resolution went to a committee which is looking into the matter.

Representatives Molster and Eikhoff. the labor leaders in the house, will make another attempt to enact an anti-contracts convict labor law. They have revamped the bill defeated a few weeks by striking out the provision that convicts shall be loaned to counties in blocks of twenty and employed with ball and chain at road-making. The new bill provides that all articles used in state institutions shall be made by convicts by hand, nothing more than hand or foot machinery to be used.

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MYSTERIOUS DEATH AT IRONWOOD. Man Has a Bullet Hole in His Body, but None in His Clothing.

Ironwood, Mich., May 1.-John Hill, a Finlander, was shot and killed on the outskirts of the city yesterday morning. The circumstances of the case are peculiar. Hill and a companion named Charles Basmere had started out hunting, both carrying rifles. About 10 police officer that Hill had shot himself. Basmere claimed that Hill was walking along holding his rifle before him with the muzzle pointing towards his body when the trigger caught against a log, discharging the weapon and killing him The officers went out and found him dead with a bullet hole in his abdomen and a rifle lying by his side. They also noticed that Hill's clothes were unbuttoned and thought it very peculiar as the weather was very chilly. The body was brought to the city and examined by physicians, but no bullet hole could be found in the clothes. A coroner's jury has been empaneled and the case will be thoroughly investigated. Basmere has been placed under arrest.

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#### STATE NEWS NOTES.

MICHIGAN ITEMS WHICH WILL BE OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Short Review of the Work of the State Solons at Lansing - Other News of Interest from All Over the Great State Reported by Telegraph.

Lansing, Mich., May 1.—A concurrent resolution has been adopted by the house fixing the date for final adjorunment May 31. It also passed the senate concurrent resolution appropriating \$7,500 for a Michigan exhibit at the Tennessee exposition. The Robinson bill in the senate reducing the passenger fare on upper peninsula railroads from 4 to 3 cents per mile was lost by a vote of 15 to 14. There will be a public hearing upon the Merriman bill for an increase of the specific tax upon gross railroad earnings on the evening of May 4.

Lansing, Mich., May 3.-The house has killed a bill appropriating \$11,000 for holding farmers' institutes for the years 1897-28, and passed a bill authorizing the construction of an electric railroad from Lansing to St. Johns. The senate refused to consider the house resolution for final adjournment on May 31, and passed bills authorizing the is-sue of telephone stock in amounts of \$10. One hundred dollars is the minimum denomination under the present law. It also passed a bill appropriating \$115,000 for the current expenses of the Michigan School of Mines.

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